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## OpenTable Restaurant Reviews Reveal Top 100 Best Restaurants in America

Winning Restaurants Span Thirty States and Washington, D.C., with California, New York, Illinois, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania Leading the Pack

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- As we toast a remarkable year of fine dining, <a href="OpenTable">OpenTable</a> (NASDAQ: OPEN), the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, is pleased to celebrate the <a href="2013 Diners">2013 Diners</a> 'Choice Award winners for the Top 100 Best Restaurants in America and highlight the Top 10 honorees. These awards reflect the combined opinions of more than 5 million restaurant reviews submitted by verified OpenTable diners for approximately 19,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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The Top 10 Best Restaurants in America, in rank order, include:

- 1. St. Francis Winery & Vineyards Santa Rosa, California
- 2. Mama's Fish House Paia, Hawaii
- 3. <a href="n/naka">n/naka</a> Los Angeles, California
- 4. Halls Chophouse Charleston, South Carolina
- 5. Charleston Baltimore, Maryland
- 6. o ya Boston, Massachusetts
- 7. Orchids at Palm Court Cincinnati, Ohio
- 8. Fearrington House Restaurant Pittsboro, North Carolina
- 9. The French Laundry Yountville, California
- 10. goosefoot Chicago, Illinois

The Top 10 Best Restaurants in America are as distinct as they are deserving, with each winning restaurant creating one-of-a-kind dining adventures across an array of cuisines and service styles. From Thomas Keller's legendary French Laundry to relative newcomer goosefoot, both of which specialize in mind-blowing multi-course meals, to the intimate settings of the counter at o ya and the dining room at St. Francis Winery & Vineyards which seat under 20 diners at a time, the Top 10 restaurants are a reflection of the new definition of fine dining.

Standing out in a highly competitive field of exceptional chefs and restaurateurs, the complete list of honorees are scattered among 30 states and Washington, D.C., and include <u>Del Posto</u> in New York City, <u>Noisette</u> in Portland, Oregon, and <u>Rasika</u> in Washington, D.C. California and New York boast the greatest number of winning restaurants with 14 and 13, respectively, followed by Illinois with seven. New Jersey and Pennsylvania, each boast five winning restaurants. Arizona, Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia claim four winners apiece, while Washington, D.C., and Oregon have three. Colorado, Hawaii, Louisiana, Massachusetts, and Nevada have two. Alabama, Florida, Kansas, Maryland, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Washington, and Wisconsin also have winning eateries. While American fare restaurants have the greatest number of winners, followed by those serving French food, an eclectic array of cuisines are represented, including English, Indian, Korean, Spanish, and Thai.

"These winning restaurants are conducted like great orchestras," said Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. "All the players, from chefs and managers to wait staff and sommeliers, have artfully mastered their parts, and every instrument of hospitality, whether it be deft service or imaginative menus, is in harmony with one another to create a symphonic dining experience."

The Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 100 Best Restaurants in America are generated from more than 5 million restaurant reviews collected from verified OpenTable diners between November 14, 2012, and November 15, 2013. All restaurants with a minimum number of qualifying reviews were included for consideration. Qualifying restaurants were then sorted according to a score calculated from each restaurant's average rating in the "overall" category along with that restaurant's rating relative to others in the same metropolitan area and the average number of restaurants reviewed by diners who reviewed that restaurant.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the Top 100 Best Restaurants in America according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at <a href="http://www.opentable.com/best-restaurants-in-america">http://www.opentable.com/best-restaurants-in-america</a>.

#### 2013 Diners' Choice Award Winners for the Top 100 Best Restaurants in America

Acquerello — San Francisco, California Afternoon Tea-The Phoenician — Scottsdale, Arizona Artisanal Restaurant — Banner Elk, North Carolina Atelier Crenn — San Francisco, California Auberge du Soleil — Rutherford, California Bacchanalia — Atlanta, Georgia Bibou — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Binkley's Restaurant — Cave Creek, Arizona Bistro L'Hermitage — Woodbridge, Virginia Blue Hill at Stone Barns — Pocantico Hills, New York **BOCA** — Cincinnati, Ohio Bones — Atlanta, Georgia Bouchard Restaurant and Inn — Newport, Rhode Island Bouley — New York, New York Café Juanita — Kirkland, Washington Café Matisse — Rutherford, New Jersey Café Provence — Prairie Village, Kansas Café Renaissance — Vienna, Virginia Canoe — Atlanta, Georgia Capital Grille — Dallas, Texas Carpe Vino — Auburn, California Charleston — Baltimore, Maryland <u>Charleston Grill</u> — Charleston, South Carolina <u>Chez François</u> — Vermilion, Ohio Chez Nous French Restaurant — Humble, Texas <u>CityZen</u> — Washington, D.C. Colicchio & Sons-Main Dining Room — New York, New York Coltello Ristorante Italiano — Crosswicks, New Jersey <u>Cúrate</u> — Asheville, North Carolina Daniel — New York, New York Daniel-Lounge Seating — New York, New York Del Posto — New York, New York Eleven Madison Park — New York, New York Farmhouse Inn & Restaurant — Forestville, California Fat Canary — Williamsburg, Virginia Fearrington House Restaurant — Pittsboro, North Carolina Franklinville Inn — Franklinville, New Jersey The French Laundry — Yountville, California <u>The French Room</u> — Dallas, Texas Gaetano's & Ristorantino Mediterraneo — Forest Park, Illinois Geronimo — Santa Fe, New Mexico Girl & the Goat — Chicago, Illinois goosefoot — Chicago, Illinois Gotham Bar and Grill — New York, New York <u>Gramercy Tavern</u> — New York, New York Halls Chophouse — Charleston, South Carolina Highlands Bar & Grill — Birmingham, Alabama joan's in the Park — Saint Paul, Minnesota Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab — Chicago, Illinois JORY Restaurant at The Allison Inn & Spa — Newberg, Oregon JUNGSIK — New York, New York Kai — Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort — Chandler, Arizona The Kitchen Restaurant — Sacramento, California L'Auberge Chez François — Great Falls, Virginia L'Etoile Restaurant — Madison, Wisconsin L20 — Chicago, Illinois La Grenouille — New York, New York Lawry's The Prime Rib — Beverly Hills, California Le Bernardin — New York, New York Le Bistro — Incline Village, Nevada Leis Family Class Act Restaurant — Kahului, Hawaii Les Nomades — Chicago, Illinois

Mama's Fish House — Paia, Hawaii

Marinus-Bernardus Lodge — Carmel Valley, California Menton — Boston, Massachusetts Michael's — South Point Casino — Las Vegas, Nevada Mille Fleurs — Rancho Santa Fe, California n/naka — Los Angeles, California Nahm Thai Cuisine — Alpharetta, Georgia NAOE — Miami, Florida Natalie's at Camden Harbour Inn — Camden, Maine Nicholas — Red Bank, New Jersey Noisette — Portland, Oregon Noord — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania o ya — Boston, Massachusetts Orchids at Palm Court — Cincinnati, Ohio The Painted Lady — Newberg, Oregon Peninsula Grill — Charleston, South Carolina Per Se — New York, New York Rasika — Washington, D.C. The Refectory Restaurant & Bistro — Columbus, Ohio Restaurant August — New Orleans, Louisiana Restaurant Iris — Memphis, Tennessee Restaurant Lorena's — Maplewood, New Jersey Rudy & Paco Restaurant & Bar — Galveston, Texas Ruth's Chris Steak House — Baton Rouge, Louisiana Saint Jacques French Cuisine — Raleigh, North Carolina Saison — San Francisco, California SeaBlue Restaurant & Wine Bar — North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Seasons Restaurant-Four Seasons — Washington, D.C. Senza — Chicago, Illinois ShinBay — Scottsdale, Arizona Ski Tip Lodge — Keystone, Colorado Sons & Daughters — San Francisco, California Splendido — Beaver Creek, Colorado St. Francis Winery & Vineyards — Santa Rosa, California

Diners can also read more about the Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 100 Best Restaurants in America by visiting the OpenTable "Dining Check" blog.

### **About OpenTable Restaurant Reviews**

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Originally launched in November 2008, the OpenTable Reviews program helps diners find restaurants that best fit their dining occasions. Diners who recently honored an OpenTable reservation are invited via email to submit restaurant feedback using an online form. Visitors to OpenTable can access reviews for thousands of OpenTable restaurant partners across the United States, Canada, and the UK. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 20 million restaurant reviews by verified diners, establishing OpenTable as one of the largest and most trusted sources for restaurant reviews.

#### About OpenTable

OpenTable is the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, seating more than 12 million diners per month via online bookings across approximately 30,000 restaurants. The OpenTable network connects restaurants and diners, helping diners discover and book the perfect table and helping restaurants deliver personalized hospitality to keep guests coming back. The OpenTable service enables diners to see which restaurants have available tables, select a restaurant based on verified diner reviews, menus, and other helpful information, and easily book a reservation. In addition to the company's website and mobile apps, OpenTable powers online reservations for nearly 600 partners, including many of the Internet's most popular global and local brands. For restaurants, the OpenTable hospitality solutions enable them to manage their reservation book, streamline their operations, and enhance their service levels. Since its inception in 1998, OpenTable has seated more than 530 million diners around the world. The Company is headquartered in San Francisco, California, and the OpenTable service is available throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Germany, Japan, Mexico, and the UK. OpenTable also owns and operates toptable, the leading consumer destination site for restaurant reservations in the UK. More information is available on <a href="https://www.opentable.com">https://www.opentable.com</a>.

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